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M-1967 MRL DEPLOYMENT
XINGTAI ARMY BARRACKS AL 4, CHINA

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: M-1967 MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHERS (MRL) WERE IDENTIFIED FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH A MAIN FORCE INFANTRY DIVISION IN THE BEIJING MILITARY REGION (MR) ON [REDACTED] THE PRESENCE OF THIS EQUIPMENT, ALONG WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INSTALLATION, INDICATES THAT THE 79TH INFANTRY DIVISION MAY BECOME FULLY MECHANIZED. 25X1
2. (S/D) REMARKS: EIGHTEEN M-1967 TRACKED MRL WERE IDENTIFIED AT XINGTAI ARMY BARRACKS AL 4 ON IMAGERY OF [REDACTED] THIS INSTALLATION HOUSES AN ARTILLERY REGIMENT SUBORDINATE TO THE 79TH INFANTRY DIVISION, 27TH ARMY. THIS UNIT WAS PREVIOUSLY EQUIPPED WITH TRUCK-MOUNTED MRL. THE M-1967 MAY HAVE BEEN PRESENT AS EARLY AS [REDACTED] BUT COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED AT THAT TIME. THE PRESENCE OF THIS EQUIPMENT, ALONG WITH SIGNIFICANT CONSTRUCTION, RELOCATION, AND UPGRADING OF MAINTENANCE, TRAINING, AND STORAGE FACILITIES WHICH HAS BEEN IN EVIDENCE AT XINGTAI SINCE THE SPRING OF 1980 MAY PORTEND FURTHER MECHANIZATION OF THIS INFANTRY DIVISION. 25X1
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(S/D) TRACKED MRL HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED AT FOUR OTHER LOCATIONS IN CHINA: ONE MAIN FORCE ARMY IN THE SHENYANG MR, AND THREE INDEPENDENT ARMOR DIVISIONS (ONE EACH IN THE BEIJING, SHENYANG, AND NANJING MR'S). [REDACTED] 25X1
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3. (S) [REDACTED] COORDINATES 37-04-45N 114-27-39E 25X1

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